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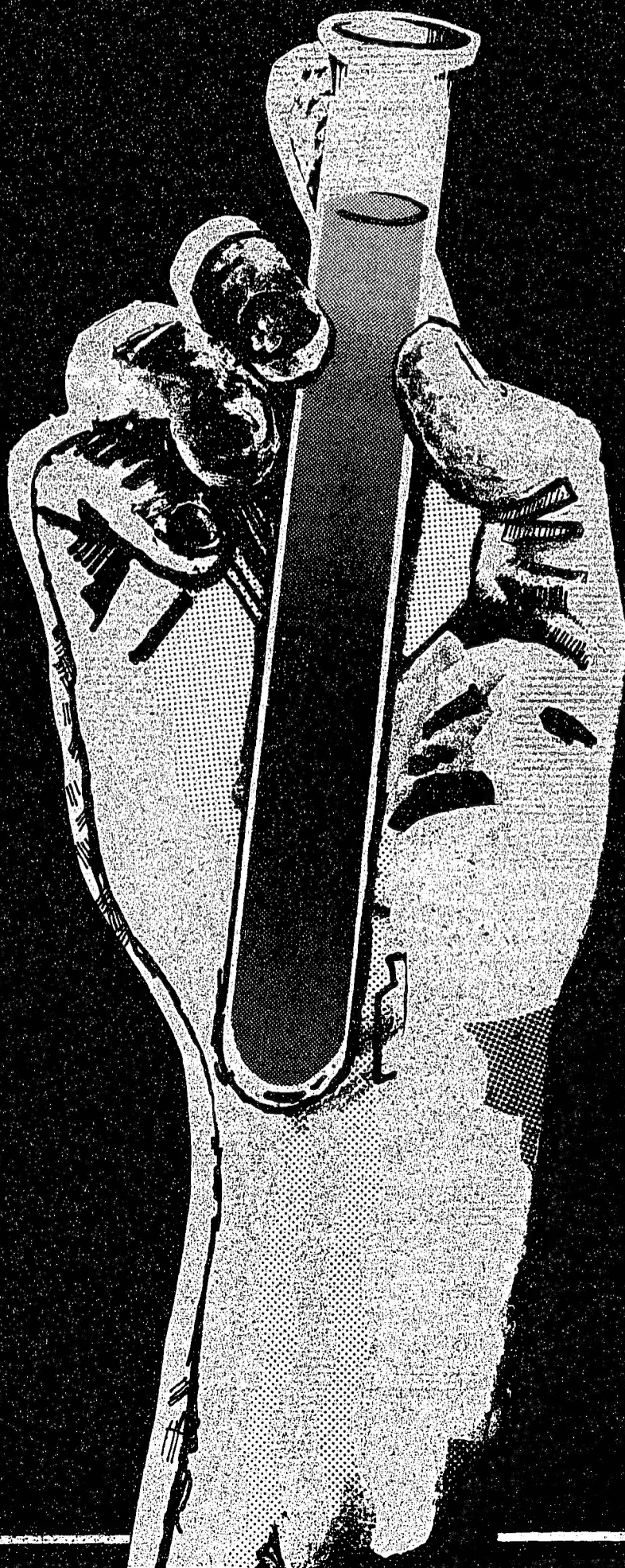
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Biotechnology degree may be offered

BY PATRICE NORTHAM

The University of Nebraska Medical Center and UNO may share more than just Dodge and Farnam streets in the following year.

Plans are underway for a cooperative undergraduate degree program in biotechnology, involving the development of living organisms to produce products considered useful to humans.

The need for trained professionals in the growing field of biotechnology has prompted the proposed development of a cooperative undergraduate degree program between the two campuses.

"It's a good cooperative effort by and with UNO and the Medical Center, and an appropriate one," said Robert Egan, chairman of UNO's biology department.

According to the proposal statement submitted to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, biotechnology has become a major growth industry, with more than 400 companies in the United States dedicated exclusively to the field.

Otto Bauer, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at UNO, said he is very optimistic about the program because both the Medical Center and University of Nebraska-Lincoln campuses have identified biotechnology as the major thrust in the governor's research initiative.

Bauer said the governor's research initiative concerns the \$20 million allocated over the next five years to strengthen research in the university system.

"We would like to find a way to participate in that initiative," Bauer said. "We think preparation for biotechnology at the undergraduate level can do that."

According to Barbara Hayhome, assistant vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and former chairperson of the biology department, students from UNO and the Medical Center have previously studied biotechnology informally by way of independent research courses.

"We noticed that the students really seemed to benefit from their experiences," Hayhome said. "A person with that type of experience has a much better edge in the job market."

Although the Medical Center has the equipment and resources needed for the study of biotechnology, Hayhome said it is being offered jointly as an undergraduate program since the Medical Center grants only graduate degrees.

According to the proposal, biotechnology is employed in many scientific fields, ranging from medicine to waste management.

"Biotechnology is pretty powerful," said John Mullican, a graduate student involved in biotechnology at the Medical Center. "We can learn a lot about diseases and how they are caused."

Mullican said he is investigating how parasites invade the immune system and alter the genetic code.

"Knowing something about the DNA level, you can design drugs or vaccines that will prevent a pathogen (a foreign body) from attacking or entering a cell," he said.

Agriculture is another area which incorporates biotechnological techniques, said Stan Cox, associate professor of biochemistry at the Medical Center.

Aside from developing disease-resistant livestock and crops, it's possible to develop fruit trees resistant to early frost, Cox said.

"All these can be done using molecular genetics or genetic transfer experiments," Cox said.

Tom Weber, associate professor of biology at UNO, said a biotechnologist is someone who applies current molecular methods to living systems.

"Biotechnology mainly involves manipulation of genetic materials for medicine, pharmacology, agriculture and waste management," Weber said. "Virtually any field of biology could use these techniques."

Hayhome said a student wishing to enter the biotechnology

program is required to have 60 credit hours before being accepted.

"Students could start out as biology majors and switch into this program at the end of their sophomore year," she said.

Biology Professor Robert Egan said the biotechnology program would be almost identical to the biology program. Two new required courses, virology and the biotechnological internship, would have to be added to the curriculum, Egan said.

The Medical Center would share the virology faculty with UNO and assist in the coordination of the internships, Egan said.

The employment outlook for students trained in biotechnology could be promising.

"Several corporations and local pharmaceutical companies would have clear use for this type of trained graduate," Cox said.

He said the new degree program may attract other companies to the area.

"Many companies thinking of coming to Nebraska have not done so because they didn't think there was enough educational support in this area," Cox said.

"The biotechnology program would provide a readily available work force for the Medical Center, UNO, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and any other companies in the state involved in this type of work."

The program will be presented for approval to the Board of Regents Oct. 6.

"I'm quite sure they'll approve it because there were no major objections in the informative stages," Bauer said.

If approved, Weber said, "We'll get started searching for a faculty member and hopefully have someone by the fall of 1990."

Regents will vote Oct. 6 on new research programs

BY PATRICK RUNGE

Recent advances in medical technology may provide some new solutions to widespread problems.

Research to combat such dreaded diseases as cancer and AIDS is progressing at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Different chemicals and treatment methods were submitted to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents Sept. 8 for consideration.

A method to produce an enzyme important in the replication of the HIV-1 (AIDS) virus has been developed by Dr. Chou-Zen Giam, assistant professor of biochemistry.

"What we've been interested in is the role of the enzyme in virus assembly," Giam said. "This enzyme is involved in the cutting of viral proteins. The majority of the viral proteins are produced in a large form, which is subsequently cut into individual, smaller components."

According to Giam, the enzyme may now be produced in the lab in large quantities. Experiments may then be performed on the enzyme, to help improve treatment for AIDS.

"The hope is that perhaps by understanding the structure and function of this enzyme we might be able to design inhibitors to viral replication," Giam said.

Giam said the viral DNA of the enzyme was transferred into bacteria. Using the genetic information in the enzyme, with recombinant DNA techniques, large quantities of the enzyme may be produced.

"Essentially what we are trying to do is understand a little bit more about what the role of this enzyme is in viral replication," Giam said.

He said experiments are being done to change the genetic structure of the enzyme. The changes will be placed into the virus to see what effects the changes will have on viral assembly.

"Once we see the changes, we can determine whether or not specific changes have a detrimental effect on viral assembly, or if we

might be able to block the assembly process," Giam said.

"The assembly process might be taking place in a step-like fashion," he said. "If we block certain steps, we might be able to see what effects the blockade would have to viral assembly."

Another possible breakthrough is a method to counteract genetic mutation developed by Dr. Patrick Iversen, professor of pharmacology.

According to Iversen, many drugs proposed to combat diseases like cancer cannot be used, or are severely limited, because they have caused genetic mutations. This new method of counteracting mutations may bring new opportunities in treating cancer.

"We use synthetic pieces of single-stranded DNA to bind drugs to RNA of viruses such as AIDS," Iversen said.

After studying modified DNA strands, it was found that they were somewhat effective in stopping the AIDS virus from dividing. However, this treatment caused cells to accumulate a number of mutations.

"We now might have a way to combat the rapid growth of some diseases without the mutagenic side effects," Iversen said.

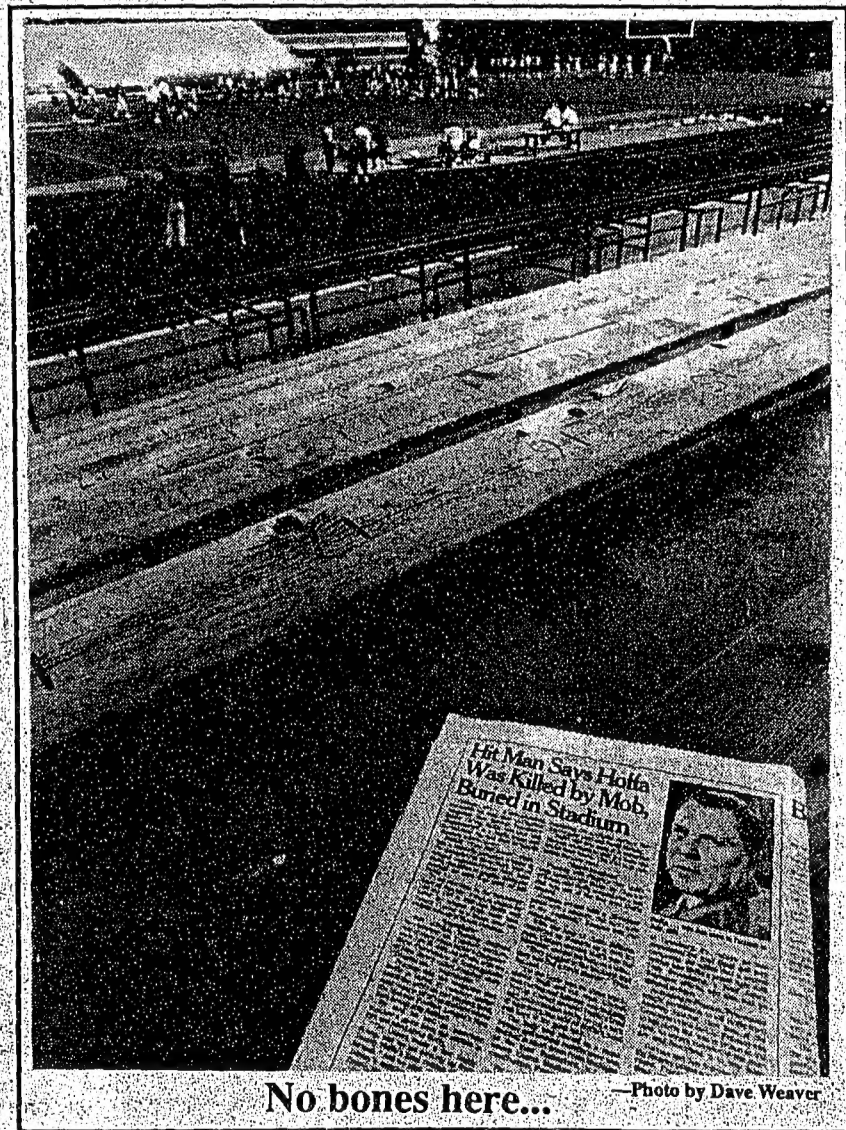
Iversen said, however, there is still work to be done. "We don't know if this will work in humans, or even in intact (living) animals," Iversen said.

Experiments are being made in dosage, frequency, and cost analysis to compare its effectiveness with existing drugs.

Also proposed to the regents was a chemical to improve the ability of sun screens to prevent skin cancer. The proposal was offered by Dr. Diane Birt, professor in the Eppler Institute at the Medical Center.

According to Birt, the basis of the chemical is a flavinoid, a portion of a plant similar to a hormone, which acts somewhat like an insect repellent. Birt said she chose a flavinoid reported to be very non-toxic.

"We tested a large number of flavinoids for



No bones here...

—Photo by Dave Weaver

inhibition of tumor development," Birt said.

"She said an enzyme required for a cancer cell to divide is produced in the intermediate stages of development. To test the flavinoid, the enzyme activity on skin cells was increased by a tumor promoter."

"The skin that had been treated with the flavinoid before being treated with the tumor promoter showed a marked decrease in tumor activity," Birt said.

"The indications are that we should be able to prevent cancer," Birt said.

In further experiments, cancer was initiated and treated twice a week with the same tumor promoter for 15 weeks.

"Before we initiated the cancer, we treated the skin with the flavinoid," Birt said. "The cancer went from 40 percent to zero percent. There was a tremendous response."

According to Birt, this chemical could have a number of uses.

"The long-term objective is to use it as a better sun screen, to prevent skin cancer," Birt said. "We also are trying to find out if we can use it in the colon, to eventually inhibit colon cancer."

According to Birt, the effects of the drug need to be studied, including whether or not the drug can be metabolized.

Stealing parking spaces Outspoken student exists on campus

I'm so ashamed.
I let my temper get the best of me again, and now I'm eating my words.

The other day I was cruising around Lot W, and I decided to be daring and park right in front of the Gateway in a stall designated for faculty. (All campus security cops read no further.)

So I'm zooming into one of two available spaces when suddenly someone honks at me. Honks very loudly. So loudly, in fact, that one passerby stopped to see what all the commotion was about.

"You took my spot," a voice yelled from the rusty silver car.

I laughed evilly. Ha, I personally knew the driver whose spot I just stole, and though I didn't do it intentionally, it felt good. Evilly good. To top it all off, I worked with this person and figured he wouldn't remain angry for very long.

He cursed me, however, but I knew deep inside, he was

just kidding. Unfortunately, the passerby didn't know it and she stopped to tell me so.

"That was really rude," she said, as the silver car drove off to greener meadows in far Lot W.

"Oh, no, he was just kidding," I said, defending my aggressive driving skills.

—Stacey—

**MEISENBACH
COLUMNIST**

"No he wasn't," she snarled. "It was rude."

"Lady, don't worry about it. I work with him," I said. She wasn't amused and then I began to feel really stupid.

Just a few weeks ago I wrote a column blasting students around here for not knowing who Roskens is. (You know, Ronald Roskens. He was the president of the University of Nebraska system for 12 years?) Anyway, the gist of my column was that students come and go around this campus

and pay no attention to things that could affect their lives.

It was a sincere and warm column, for all of you who have forgotten or missed it, and I parted by saying students are just apathetic and that's all there is to it.

And yet, here I was on this particularly sunny day, being scolded by a woman faintly resembling my mother. (Or was that just my imagination?) And how did I respond? I smarted off to her when she was a shining example of the type of student we need more of on this campus.

She was bold enough to take a step forward and stand up for a fellow commuter. She put me in my place for stealing from a defenseless driver and I smarted back to her.

We need more students like her on campus. Someone who speaks their mind and is not afraid of a large book bag that could swing her way.

So, to the woman who scolded me the other day: Thank you.

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New program would enhance state

It looks like the beginning of a good relationship.

UNO and the University of Nebraska Medical Center have always been close. Separated from each other by a few blocks and from the University of Nebraska Lincoln by more than just distance, UNO and the Medical Center stick together.

In the past, the two campuses have exchanged and shared students. UNO alumni and undergraduates fill classes in every health services field from medical technology to dentistry. Physical therapists and medical students are scattered throughout almost all of UNO's colleges.

This platonic friendship between the two universities may soon develop into something more serious.

A proposal was brought before the NU Board of Regents Sept. 8 advocating the development of a cooperative undergraduate degree in biotechnology.

Since the Medical Center only offers graduate degrees, the program would be offered in conjunction with UNO. All the equipment and resources would be at the Medical Center.

Like the recently proposed aviation institute,

the joint biotechnology program is on the cutting edge of higher education, especially for a state university.

For several years, Nebraska's economy has been shifting away from agriculture and toward industry. If the state were to support a biotechnol-

ogy program, both industry and agriculture could expand. Biotechnology involves the manipulation of genetic material in organisms. Disease resistant crops and livestock could be developed.

Industry could also develop. Biotechnology also involves the manipulation of viruses, which could create cures for debilitating diseases, and the production of new medicines.

Pharmaceutical companies and related health services corporations would find Nebraska able to provide personnel trained in biotechnology.

The new biotechnology program, as well as

the aviation institute, should be given top priority by the Board of Regents for the good of the university system and for the good of the state.

And it's also good for UNO.

Our university is growing to meet the current needs of the city and state as well as the needs of the future. UNO and the Medical Center are undeniably providing an invaluable service to the city of Omaha in areas of education and health care.

By combining the efforts of the two universities, the benefits to the city and state can only increase. It would increase awareness of higher education and increase the institutions' stature in the community.

It would be a terrible injustice, therefore, if the biotechnology program was not approved by the Board of Regents. Such a program would only have a positive effect on the state and the university system as a whole.

Hopefully, the Medical Center and UNO can continue developing other joint ventures. How about hospital management? Anatomical drawing? History of physical therapy?

The possibilities are endless.

Staff EDITORIAL

Skluzacek has more than 20 years experience as a physicist,

"The purpose of this is to provide a brief orientation to UNO and to address some teacher learning issues," she said.

Hayhome received her bachelor's degree from Hastings College in Nebraska and her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Chicago. She joined UNO in 1978 as an assistant biology professor and became chairwoman of the biology department in 1984.



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NEWS BRIEFS

Drug-free workshop begins

On April 26, 1989, Chancellor Del Weber established the university's drug-free workplace policy. In conjunction with that policy, the university is offering a drug-free awareness program open to all faculty and staff.

David Corbin, associate professor in the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, will host the free program Oct. 11 and 12. Both programs are from 11 a.m. to noon in the Gallery Room of the Student Center.

Gerding joins alumni staff

Susan K. Gerding began work as the records manager of the UNO Alumni Association Aug. 28. Responsibilities of the job will include maintaining and updating alumni information and donation records.

'Landscape of the Body' auditions

Auditions for "Landscape of the Body" will be held by the UNO Dramatic Arts Department Monday at 7 p.m. in the Studio Theater, Arts and Science Hall Room 214. Needed are two boys and two girls, 10-14 years old, and one male saxophone player. The play does contain harsh language and adult themes.

Nude bullets fly

SPO will show "The Naked Gun" Friday through Sunday in the Eppley Auditorium. Show times are 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$1.50 for UNO faculty, staff and students.

Omaha Police hold open house

The Omaha Police Explorer Post will present "First Nighter", an open house for 14 to 20-year-olds interested in a career in law enforcement, Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Central Police Headquarters.

CCS to offer American Indian History

The College of Continuing Studies will be offering a non-credit course on American Indian history entitled "American Indians Today". The course will explore tribal politics and relations with the federal government. The class will be taught by Charles Trimble, former executive director of the National Congress of American Indians. The six-session course will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays at the Peter Kiewit Center beginning Oct. 5. For more information, call the College of Continuing Studies at 595-2309.

Learn to take a trip

A non-credit workshop entitled "How to Organize and Manage a Tour" will be held in the Peter Kiewit Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7. The workshop, sponsored by the College of Continuing Studies, will cover the practical details of planning a travel tour. The workshop will be taught by Bob Reilly professor emeritus of communication at UNO. For more information or to register, call the College of Continuing Studies at 595-2309.

'Rattle and Hum' will show in Lincoln

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln American Films Committee will present "U2 Rattle and Hum" as its first movie of the semester. Showings will be in the Sheldon Art Gallery, Friday at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Admission is \$2 for students with valid student identification and \$3 for non-students.

Aerobic dance and water exercise classes offered

The UNO Adult Fitness Program is offering a seven-week aerobic dance class Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$19.50 for the course. Water exercises will be held Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. at a cost of \$32. Call Donna Renander at 554-3226 for more information.

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'sex, lies and videotape' offers intriguing characters

By ELIZABETH TAPE

In *sex, lies and videotape*, director Steven Soderbergh offers a captivating look into the lives of four adults.

Returning to the city after a nine-year absence, Graham Dalton (James Spader) visits his college comrade John Mil-laney (Peter Gallagher) and John's wife Ann (Andie MacDow-ell). It quickly becomes clear that Graham's and John's lives have moved in opposite directions after their college years.

John, a seemingly successful lawyer, has amassed consid-erable material gain, as well as a marriage, albeit an unsettled

one.

Graham, on the other hand, holds but one important posses-sion — the key to his car, where he stores all of his material goods. Graham's past is unclear, but it is revealed that he has been working on a rather unorthodox project. He has vide-otaped many women discussing their sexual histories.

John's reserved and beautiful wife Ann is first introduced as she speaks with a psychiatrist about her fears and anxieties regarding the state of the world. She also expresses concern about her marriage to John.

The relationships between these characters become more complicated when it is revealed that John has been having a torrid affair with Ann's sister Cynthia (Laura San Giacomo). An unrestrained, stunningly attractive and sensual woman, Cynthia feels inferior to her sister.

Movie

REVIEW

The remainder of the film is comprised of both complex and straight-forward interactions. Ann, Cynthia and Graham all come to realize aspects of themselves which they had never known. Some of the moments between Graham and Ann are particularly moving as each character expresses heartfelt emotion about themselves and the world.

sex, lies and videotape is a compelling drama mostly for the striking characters it presents. When Ann speaks with discom-fort about the state of the world, despite the filmmakers' intermittent attempts to couch these comments in a background of humor, we feel her pain. Soft-spoken and seemingly inse-cure, Ann realizes initially that something is terribly wrong in her life, and later she is able to sort through some of these issues.

Graham, who remains enigmatic throughout, is wonder-fully performed by Spader. With understatement and subtlety, he brings Graham to life. Spader reflects Graham's uncertain-ties and his suffering, while giving a quiet, often unspoken, perceptiveness about the people and events around him.

Although it is initially baffling why strangers would ever consider opening up to Graham's video camera with intimate details of their lives, possible motivations behind such self-exposures are later uncovered.

The film is shot mostly indoors and director Soderbergh and cinematographer Walt Lloyd make good use of walls and ceilings to convey a sense of confinement.

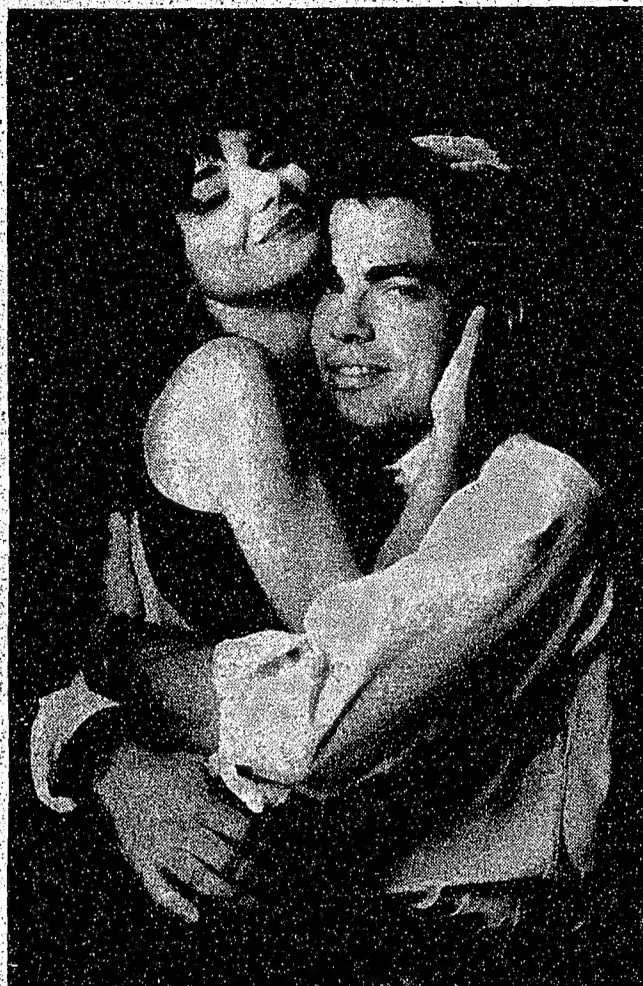


Graham (James Spader) and Ann (Andie MacDowell) realize things about themselves they never knew before in 'sex, lies and videotape.'

Editors Soderbergh and John Dunn (for pictures and dia-logue, respectively) deserve praise, and Larry Blake and Soderbergh for sound deserve praise. The film moves at a satisfying and even pace, introducing its concern and sub-plots, yet carefully distinguishing the characters.

The conclusion, in which several of the on-going conflicts are resolved, does not reflect the balance of the film's far more somber tone. Those who enjoy such optimistic endings may feel satisfied by the outcome. But for some, its mood may not blend well with the film's overall atmosphere.

Despite this debatably inconsistent ending, *sex, lies and videotape* offers substantial content and contributes to the world of cinema four intriguing characters.



John (Peter Gallagher) and Cynthia (Laura San-Giacomo) have their own secrets in 'sex, lies and videotape.'

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RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

A says to B, "You have 20 percent more eggs than I." B replies to A, "You have 25 percent fewer eggs than I." Could both be telling the truth?

Last week's riddle and answer: Billy Jo keeps all his socks in a drawer. When he dresses, he removes a pair at random. If he has four pairs of socks—one black, one white, one red and one blue—how many days per week on average will he wear a matching pair? He will wear a matching pair of socks one day a week.

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Levi's says the '60s fashion craze is over

Sixties music may still be in concert halls, but the sixties fashion craze that afflicted many campuses last year is supposed to be over.

Levi Strauss & Co., the giant San Francisco-based jeans manufacturer, said the trend's epitaph is found in the results of its survey of 1,400 collegians on 10 U.S. and four foreign campuses.

Asked what looks were "not in," 83 percent of those polled listed sixties-style looks such as bell bottoms, peace signs and smiley faces as stuff not to be seen in.

Even tie-dyed t-shirts are losing favor, asserts Levi's spokeswoman Debbie Gasparini. "Clearly, college kids aren't making or buying them."

But it seems lots of them haven't gotten the message from Levi's yet.

"In Chapel Hill, (the sixties look has) never gone. You see a lot of it around," said Billy Dillon, manager of Beach Connection, a surfing shop popular among students from the University of North Carolina.

Standardized tests may be biased

Nearly two-thirds of the students who became National Merit Scholarship semifinalists in 1989 were men, and the phenomenon was more proof that standardized tests are biased against women, a test critic group said in early September.

After combing through public records released by the

Educational Testing Service (ETS), FairTest, based in Cambridge, Mass., reported that only 32 percent of the semifinalists last year were female, even though they earned better grades in high school.

Women are under-represented because the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)—the test used to award the scholarships—is slanted against women, charged FairTest's Sarah Stockwell. "Any time a test score is the sole criterion for scholarships, it is unfair."

Tests aren't the problem, claims Nancy Burton of ETS, the company that writes the PSAT. "Men and women aren't getting equal educations. We can't agree that any question women don't do well on should be thrown out."

Test critics scored a major victory last February when a federal judge ruled that New York state could not rely solely on Scholastic Aptitude Test scores to award scholarships because the test questions reflect a male bias.

College degree's value increasing

A college degree is becoming increasingly valuable, says University of Maryland economics professor Frank Levy.

In 1986, 30-year-old men with college degrees earned 50 percent more than 30-year-old men with just high school diplomas, Levy reported in a study, published in the most recent issue of The College Board Review, of how much college educations are worth to students.

In 1973, college-educated 30-year-old men were making "only" 16 percent more than high school-educated 30-year-old

men, Levy said.

Levy, author of "Dollars and Dreams: The Changing American Income Distribution," blamed the growing income gap on budget and trade deficits that have reduced the number of job opportunities for men with high school diplomas.

"The corresponding gap for women did not open in a parallel way, because women were concentrated in the service sector and so were shielded from import competition," Levy explained.

A growing disparity, he warned, will make it increasingly difficult for the middle class, as well as the poor, to afford a college education.

'Mac the Knight' just doesn't cut it

Student government members at the University of Central Florida are pushing to replace their "wimpy" school mascot with a macho one.

The current mascot, Mac the Knight, isn't tough enough, complained government staffer Jeff Laing.

So student leaders, along with the Entrepreneur Club, have come up with their own macho mascot, Knightstalker, a big burly character who has spikes protruding from his shoulders and carries a big club.

He'll be in front of the student section at the football games, while alumni and other fans will settle for the official mascot, Mac the Knight, who, students say, is too much like the McDonald's character who sings syrupy songs on television commercials.

"For football, you need a mean guy," Laing explained.

The athletic department has the final say, though, and alumni response to the Knightstalker hasn't been good so far, Laing said.

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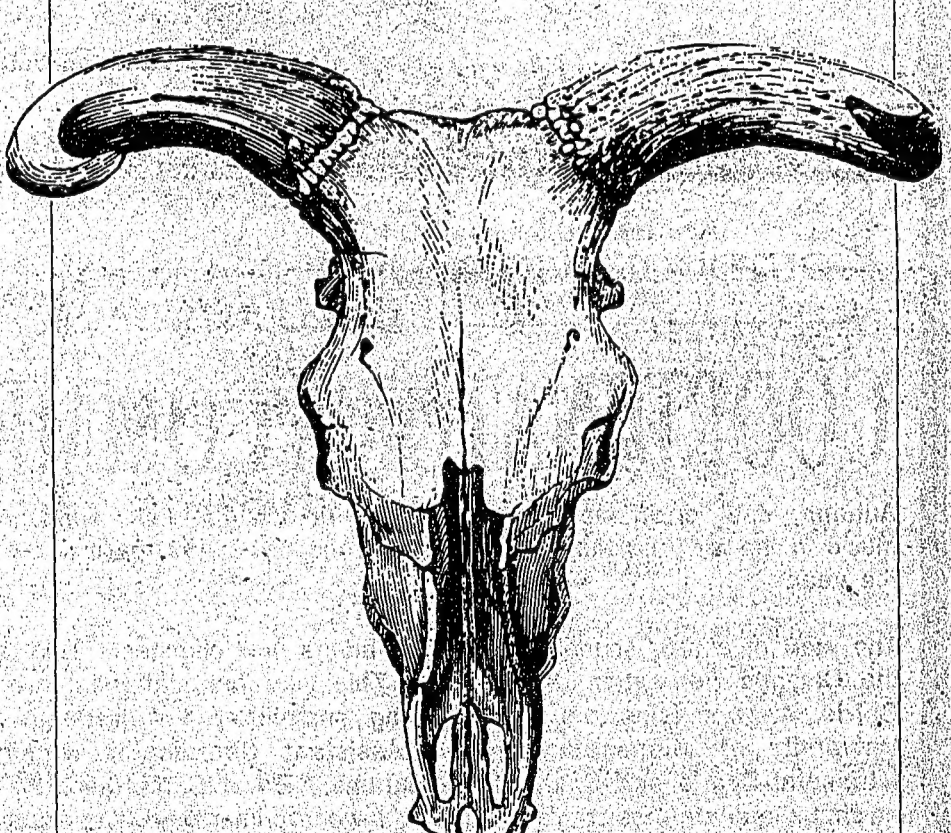
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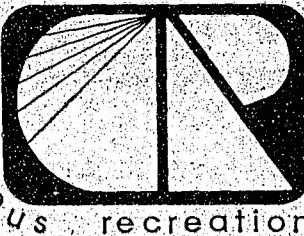
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The coaching staff of Paul Cerio, Todd Samland, Mike Witt, and Bruce Carr believes in the flexibility to fit the program to the specific member/athlete. The workout schedule enables the participant to accomplish their own established goals with the assistance from the coaches.

On a personal note, returning from California to the Omaha area has given me the motivation and interest to partake in midwest swimming again. The reunion with friends and previous athletes gives me the desire to assist in the needs of the individual and the club. The philosophy of the Maverick Aquatics Club is supported by myself and those who involve themselves in it.

The current membership is approaching 20 swimmers. Individuals who are interested and excited to join can reach anyone of the coaching staff in Campus Recreation, H.P.E.R. 100, by calling 554-2539. Also, a meeting will be held in the pool seminar room on September 25 at 1:00 p.m. You're welcome to attend. We're looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable year! Hope to see you soon!!



A member of the Maverick Aquatics Club makes some waves during a workout in the HPER pool.



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COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS

Autumn, cool crisp mornings, changing colors, footballs and marching band music in the air, and the start of a new school year! To me it is the best time of the year.

The start of a new school year always brings new changes. This is also true in the Campus Recreation department. This year our staff has three new faces. Carrie Wagner joins our staff, having completed her graduate work at the University of Minnesota, as the Assistant Coordinator working with the Intramural Sports and Sport Club programs. Bruce Carr enters the year as our newest Graduate Assistant. Bruce will work primarily in the Aquatics program. Our third new member of our staff is Pam Volk who will perform the secretarial duties for our staff.

While there are a number of other changes within the various programs--I will let the program people tell you about them--this page is a major addition to our program. During the year we will use this space to let you know of upcoming events, results from Intramural contests, and job openings within Campus Recreation, as well as providing some features on special programs and participants in Campus Recreation programs.

If you have any comments or suggestions for this page, or have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding Campus Recreation programs or the operation of the HPER Building feel free to contact me at 554-3222 or stop in the Campus Recreation office, room 100 HPER Building.

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S P O R T S

Coaches' talk goes beyond strategy

The Lisle Lions had seen this road before. A high school volleyball championship had seemed within reach, but it always slipped away. But 1985 was different. The Lions roared through the season 38-3. Only the Illinois State Title stood in the way. The Lions won, and the celebration began. Everyone was happy. Everyone was satisfied. Except Head Coach Karen Uhler. She looked ahead, not behind. Like Alexander the Great, she searched for new worlds to conquer.

Two years after tackling quadruple bypass heart surgery, UNO football coach Sandy Buda leans forward in his chair like it's a bench on a sideline. He speaks straight, like a man who knows his limitations, capabilities and desires. As he begins to reflect back on his 12-year career at UNO, Buda places his elbows on his desk and twists his ruby-stoned 1984 North Central Conference championship ring.

BY GREG KOZOL

"In the end we did win it all," UNO Coach Karen Uhler, now the coach at UNO, said. "And I found myself disappointed. I wasn't disappointed because we won. I was disappointed because I couldn't continue to have this experience anymore. You've accomplished something and it's over. Now you've got to find something else."

Uhler was named UNO's head volleyball coach in 1988. In her first season, the Lady Mavs reached the NCAA Division II regional tournament. Uhler was an assistant coach at the University of Illinois when the Illini reached the Division I final four. In addition to coaching in high school, Uhler played four years at Eastern Illinois University.

Despite achieving success at several levels, Uhler still looks to accomplish more.

"The idea is never to be complacent," she said. "Once I achieved, I said 'I've got to do more.'"

But the pursuit of goals will not overshadow the enjoyment of sports, Uhler said.

But it's not the trophy at the end that makes her happy, she said. "It's the everyday experiences."

Those everyday experiences of sports can teach athletes more than bumping and spiking, Uhler said.

"Volleyball is somewhat like the etiquette of tennis. You would not see a tennis coach barking out orders to a singles or doubles pair."

— Karen Uhler

The players develop communication skills, leadership abilities and discipline through sports, Uhler said. Her teams learn to deal with victory and defeat.

"The emotional roller coaster that occurs in the sports experience is very much like life," she said.

Sports can teach valuable lessons, but the focus always swings back to pure enjoyment.

"I have literally stopped in the middle of practice sometimes and laughed and smiled and said, 'I love being with you guys,'" she said.

Coaches need to make practice fun, Uhler said, because athletes spend 90 percent of their career in practice.

"So they better enjoy it," she said. "Competition is only icing on the cake."

Uhler said team activities such as barbecues and Halloween parties keep volleyball from becoming like work.

"Once it becomes a chore, I'll get out," she said.

During volleyball games, Uhler sits crossed legged and watches the fast-paced action. As players dive and pound spikes, she leans to speak to her assistant, then laughs.

She said her coaching style reflects the



—Photo by Dave Weaver

Volleyball Coach Karen Uhler brings a 25-15 career record into tonight's Portland Showcase. Football Coach Sandy Buda has experienced many changes in his 12-year career at UNO.

game she coaches and her personality. Other sports and other personalities, she said, require a coach to yell, curse and throw chairs.

"Volleyball is somewhat like the etiquette of tennis," Uhler said. "You would not see a tennis coach barking out orders to a singles or doubles pair."

She said volleyball is a reaction sport, so most results come from practice.

"It doesn't just magically happen on the volleyball court," Uhler said. "Most preparation comes in the game."

She said she prefers to be a teacher rather than a general.

"I want my players to understand and ask questions," she said. "I don't believe in disciplining with a whip, I believe in disciplining with wit."

Uhler said she feels fortunate to be coaching and participating in the rise of women's sports.

"Even six years ago I wouldn't have dreamed I could make my living coaching volleyball," Uhler said.

In 1972 the U.S. government recognized the disparity between men's and women's sports and began to fund both equally.

Uhler said in the early 1970s, almost no sports programs were available to women, but slowly high school and college programs caught on.

"When I left high school in 1976," she said, "I was the first girl to receive an athletic scholarship."

Today, women's sports have almost gained the same public respect as men's sports, she said.

She said she feels fortunate to have experienced the success of women's sports on both the playing and coaching levels.

"I have been able to ride the wave," she said.

Women's sports should continue to ride the wave in the 1990s, Uhler said.

"It's going to get bigger and better in terms of national look," she said.

But women's sports growing bigger and better can mean scandals and cheating.

"We can almost create our own monster," she said. Uhler said she doubts UNO has any scandals on the horizon, but she is sure of one thing.

"I want each of these years to feel like it's a national championship for us."

BY DAVID JAHR

Times change. And UNO football coach Sandy Buda seems to have stood that test of time.

Buda, the dean of North Central Conference coaches, has earned more victories than any other UNO coach in history. In his 12th year at UNO, Buda ranks No. 9 among all NCAA Division II coaches in winning percentage.

But Buda wasn't on the sidelines for his most important victory.

Nearly five years ago, Buda realized a hereditary cholesterol problem combined with his weight problem could threaten his life.

After experiencing some chest pains Oct. 17, 1984, Buda went to the hospital for testing. The coach was forced to miss the first game of his playing and coaching career, because the tests revealed some of his arteries were blocked.

On Halloween night, he received a scare no one deserves. He underwent angioplasty heart surgery.

"All of sudden it hit me between the eyes that I was not invincible," Buda said.

Four days later, Buda was back coaching his 1984 NCC championship team.

"Prior to the heart problem, I always wanted to be the best doggone coach in America. Afterwards, I just wanted to be the oldest coach in America."

— Sandy Buda

However, his angioplasty procedure provided only temporary cure.

Three years later, Buda had quadruple bypass heart surgery.

"It changed things. It changed my philosophy," Buda said. "Prior to the heart problem, I always wanted to be the best doggone coach in America. Afterwards, I just wanted to be the oldest coach in America."

For Buda, being in the hospital was an awkward turn of events.

"That was my first bout ever with a hospital for anything," Buda said. "It was a very humbling experience for me to suddenly be in the bed where I had visited so many players, friends and relatives."

After the surgery, Buda said he changed his exercise habits and began taking medication for the first time in his life.

Before his heart condition, Buda said spicy and exotic foods were his favorites. After surgery, doctors advised him to replace the barbecue ribs with cauliflower.

"Basically, I had to adopt the philosophy, from that point on, if it tastes good, spit it out."

Unlike his serious health battles, Buda's coaching has involved many lighter moments.

During the university's 75th anniversary, the Mavs' game against South Dakota was slated to be broadcasted on regional television. And Buda wanted to celebrate in style.

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Lady Mavs 'showcase' talent in Portland tourney

BY PAT RINN

Portland, Ore. will literally be the showcase of Division II volleyball this weekend.

Four of the top-10 rated teams in Division II, including UNO, will clash at the Portland State Showcase this weekend.

The Lady Mavs open the tournament today with a double-header. In the first game, the Lady Mavs play No. 2 California State-Northridge. In the nightcap, UNO battles No. 6 Regis College of Denver.

UNO returns with two more games Saturday. The Lady Mavs will battle defending NCAA Division II champion Portland State. Portland State is ranked No. 4 this year. The Lady Mavs will play No. 15 East Texas State in the second game.

Last season, UNO finished 1-3 in the Portland State Show-

case. The Lady Mavs dropped three matches against both Northridge and Portland State in 1988. UNO defeated Regis and East Texas State earlier this year.

UNO Coach Karen Uhler said this year's team should fare better against Northridge and Portland State.

"Last year we had me being a coach in a transitional period and a few new players," Uhler said. "That's tough when you go against teams like Northridge and Portland, with a solidified program along with seniors and juniors players."

"We didn't fare well against those teams last year since we weren't really prepared for them," Uhler said.

Uhler, in her second season at UNO, said the Lady Mavs should respond well to the rough road schedule this year.

"Last season we played 16 games in four matches in less than one 24-hour period. The players feel they are the best

conditioned team and that's a good attitude to have," Uhler said.

Uhler said this year's team, with a 6-4 record and three losses to Division I opponents, has shown constant improvement.

"I'm pleased with the discipline, conditioning, and enthusiasm of the team. I would say that Brenda Baumann and Amy Gradoville have been outstanding in all-around play."

"Jennifer Dickey has grown into a leader on the team. Melanie Marquis and Karen Soukup really have contributed this season," Uhler said.

"We have sharpened some of our weaknesses such as serving. We will go to Portland State with momentum based on wins at West Texas State."

Mavs' offense to click against Morningside Saturday

Big Daddy regained some respect last week, hitting 78 percent of his picks. My upset special came in, with Oregon spanking Iowa 44-6. Rick Warner of the Associated Press must be reading the Gateway because that was his upset special, too.

Tony FLOTT COLUMNIST

Notre Dame moves into the No. 1 spot this week, after its victory over Michigan. The Wolverines didn't look too bad and only fall to No. 3.

For the season, I'm nailing 71 percent of my picks.

UNO at Morningside

The Mavericks got a big win against a good team last week when they defeated South Dakota 23-9. With UNO's rushing

game hitting all cylinders, the Mavericks should pound the Chiefs.

UNO 31, Morningside 10

Michigan State at Notre Dame

Expect the Irish to have a small let down after getting pumped up to play Michigan. The Spartans have a tough defense led by Butkus Award candidate Percy Snow and should keep this one respectable.

Notre Dame 27, Michigan State 16
Ohio State at USC

The penetrating Trojans scored 66 points in a victory over Utah State last week, while the Buckeyes were adding to Oklahoma State's woes. With freshmen Todd Marinovich at the helms, USC will go 2-1 on the year.

USC 31, Ohio State 10

Michigan at UCLA

Do you think Bo Schembechler will give his kickoff team some work this week? Take away the Rockets' two returns and

Michigan is still undefeated. The Bruins are 1-1 after squeaking one out against San Diego State last week. UCLA shouldn't have scheduled this one.

Michigan 31, UCLA 18

UNL at Minnesota

How do them Cornhuskers do it? Every week they play a national power and come out winning! Things will once again be difficult this week, since they have to play in the inhospitable Metro-Dome. The Huskers will get tripped up in some Gopher holes.

Minnesota 24, UNL 21

Other games:

IOWA 24, Iowa State 10; Miami Fla. 35, MISSOURI 13; N.C. STATE 24, North Carolina 17; Texas 48, SMU 0; W. Virginia 26, LOUISVILLE 21; Washington 20, ARIZONA 16; Syracuse 24, PITTSBURGH 21; ALABAMA 24, Kentucky 14; OKLAHOMA STATE 28, Texas Tech 25; Arkansas 27, MISSISSIPPI 18; Utah 27, HAWAII 24; Houston 34, ARIZONA STATE 21;

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BACKPAGE

Concert will help homeless travel to Washington, D.C.

By ELIZABETH OMMACHEN

"Housing is a right, not a privilege," Tim Alexander said. Alexander, area director for Youth for Peace, is vice president of the UNO Youth for Peace chapter.

The organization will sponsor a benefit concert at UNO Saturday for Housing Now, a national project to aid the homeless.

The purpose of the concert, according to Alexander, is to educate students and the community about social justice, as well as raise money for Housing Now.

The bands, Acoustic Music, Uptight Cats, Victim Forgotten, Sideshow, The Acorns and Mousetrap will perform Saturday in the Student Center. The concert will begin at 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the benefit will help homeless people travel to Washington, D.C. to attend the Housing Now march Oct. 7.

"We're going to Washington to tell our representatives that they better change their priorities," Alexander said. "Under (former President Ronald) Reagan, the housing budget was cut almost 80 percent. Even some of the money that did go toward housing probably didn't get there because of the latest findings in the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) scandal.

"Look at how they helped out the savings and loans," he said. "When homeless advocates say, 'We want money to house our people,' they (Congress) say 'We've got a budget deficit' — which is just an excuse."

According to Alexander, the Nebraska delegation attending the march is expected to number a few hundred. He said the delegation will speak with Nebraska congressmen and ask them to re-examine the government's policy on homelessness.

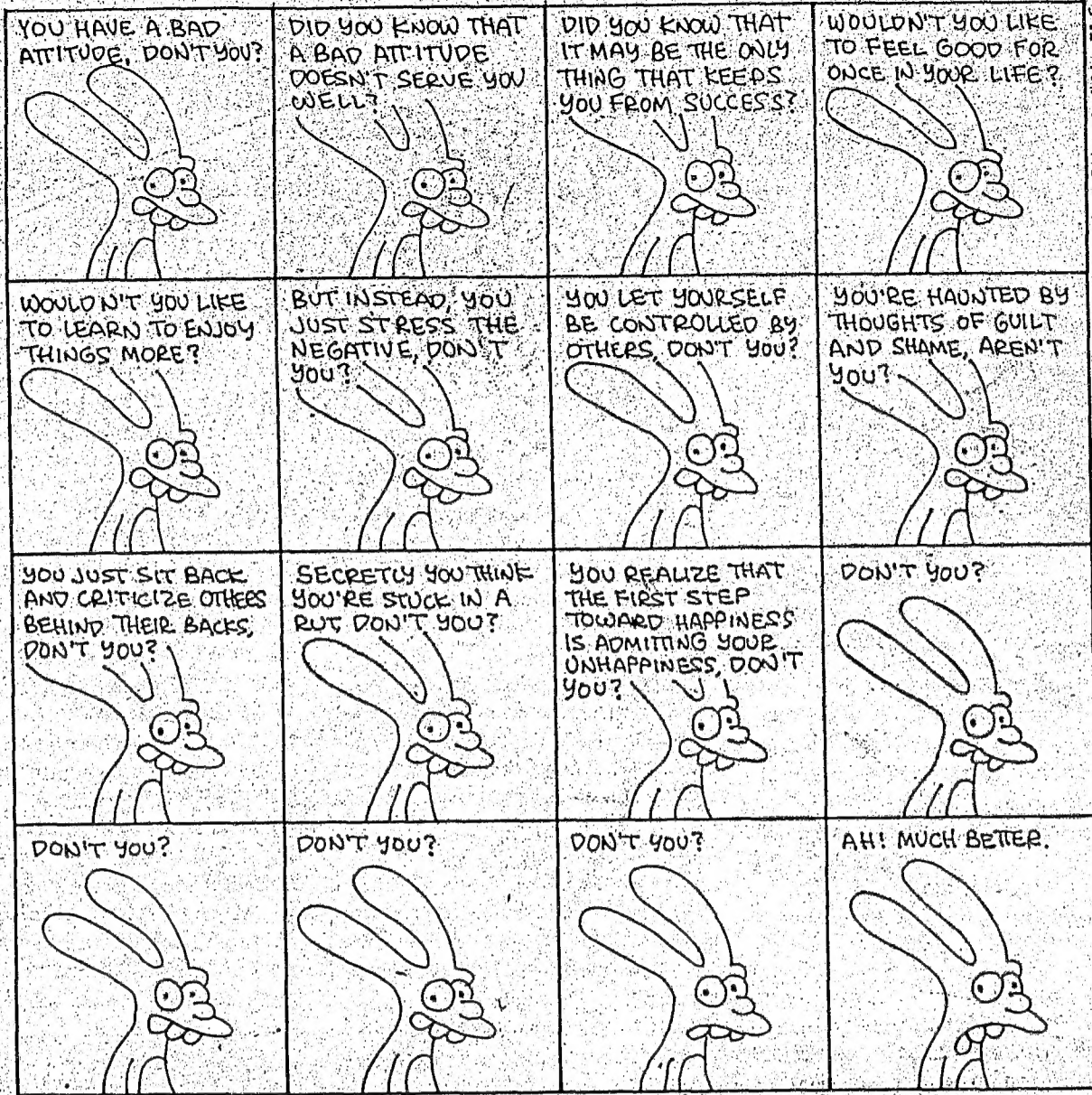
The homelessness issue goes hand in hand with economics and urban development, Alexander said.

"There are 5,000 vacant lots in North Omaha," he said. "One of Mayor P.J. Morgan's campaign pledges was to do something about those vacant lots, and to my knowledge, he hasn't done anything about that."

The concert and attendance at the march will not be the organization's last show of support for Housing Now, Alexander said. Youth for Peace members currently volunteer at area homeless shelters.

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"Youth for Peace has a broad scope of issues," he said. "It (Housing Now) is different from other projects we've been involved in because it's national. You get a sense of solidarity to know that you're working on an issue with other people all over the country."

Alexander said he feels there is hope for the homeless. "It just boils down to fairness and the American dream — where everyone has a chance to live a life of dignity," he said. "Really basic stuff. Make sure no one starves and everyone has a home."

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